



Reopening Information for Parents and Carers

As you will all be aware from recent communication from the local authority schools in Dumfries and Galloway will be opening to all pupils on 12th of August. This is a return to full time education.

The link below contains the letter issued to parents and within this there are further links to actions that are in place within schools to manage and mitigate risks for pupils on their return.

<https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/article/21014/Re-opening-of-schools>

<https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/article/21023/FAQ-s-Re-opening-of-Schools>

The following information is more specific to children returning to Dalbeattie Primary School



Start and End of School Day

In order to limit the number of people in and around school playground we will initially (for the 12th, 13th, and 14th of August) use staggered starts and finish to the school day. As per the authority guidance, parents are not permitted in the school grounds unless dropping off P1 pupils for their first day at school. We will require parents to be visible in the playground to class teachers for pupils in P1-P3 for handover at the end of the school day. This is a local school arrangement.

If you are dropping your son/daughter off, please adhere to social distancing guidance and remain 2m apart. Parents will not be permitted to enter building under current health and safety arrangements.

Start and End Times

Please do not send your son/daughter to school too early each morning as we need to be very mindful of the numbers in the school grounds. However, we do still expect pupils to arrive for the start of their class session and attendance will be monitored throughout this time.

Late arrival through the front door isn't encouraged as we are trying to keep pupils entering and exiting the school building through their designated groupings and reduce movement around different areas of the building.

We do appreciate there will be exceptional circumstances for some pupils with additional needs that may require entrance via the reception but this must be discussed with HT or DHT prior to 12th of August to allow for appropriate risk assessment and health and safety measures in place.

We will still expect parents to collect P1,2 (ongoing) and P3 children (until October.) When in the playground, waiting for your son/daughter, please adhere to 2m social distancing at all times and it is at your own discretion if you choose to wear a mask. The teachers will look to make eye contact with the adult collecting young people before allowing them to leave the school grounds.

	Start Time	End Time	Line Up/Entry Point start and end of school day
P1	8:50	2:50	Infant area playground and the P1 and P1/2 door next to classrooms.
P1/2	9:00	3:00	Infant area playground and the P1 and P1/2 door next to classrooms
P2/3	9:10	3:10	Infant Area playground. Door next to Mrs McLean's Classroom.
P3	9:10	3:10	Infant Area playground around the slide. Class will enter and exit at main door under slide.

P4	8:50	2:50	Back playground. Enter door next medical room.
P4/5	9:00	3:00	Back playground. Enter door next to medical room
P5	8:50	2:50	Wait in front playground under slide. Will enter and exit school via metal staircase.
P6	9:00	3:00	Back playground and class teacher will come and bring in to school and up metal staircase.
P6/7	9:10	3:10	Back playground and class teacher will come and bring in to school and up metal staircase.
P7	9:10	3:10	Back playground and class teacher will come and bring in to school and up metal staircase.



Class Group Arrangements

As per Government guidance to minimise the numbers of groups mixing we will still be looking towards having designated groups within the school building. We have created 3 bubbles/zones and pupils will be contained within these each day.

P1,P1/2 and Nursery = Bubble/Zone 1

P2/3-P4/5 Lower Floor = Bubble/Zone 2

P5-P7 Upper Floor = Bubble/Zone 3

We will be limiting movement around the school and hope to be able to manage the zones to reduce the risk of cross infection. We are also looking closely at staff within each area to limit movement around the school.

We are trying to limit these contact groups as we need to be aware of track, trace, test process and limit the contacts.



Break and Lunch Arrangements

Breaks and lunch times will also need to be staggered initially to minimise contacts and pupils will be outside with other children from their bubble/zone each day.

Information about school meal provision is contained in the parents' information form from the authority. On initial return, we will have cold lunch provision (sandwiches, wraps etc) with a view to hot meals being reintroduced. We will not initially be using the dining hall and pupils will eat in classes within their zones. If your son/daughter is having a school lunch please pay using online payment system or send exact money into school in a labelled enveloped. School meals are £1.95 per day. If your son daughter is bringing a packed lunch they should be stored on appropriate trolley for their class. Any food not eaten from packed lunches should be taken home at the end of the day. Please make sure that all packed lunch boxes are cleaned and disinfected each day to reduce any risk of cross contamination.

Break Arrangements Initially

P1 and P1/2	Out for break at 10:15 back in at 10:30
P2/3, P3.P4 and P4/5	Out for break 10:35 and back in at 10:50
P5,P6,P6/7 and P7	Out for break at 10:55 and back in at 11:10

Lunch Arrangements Initially

P1 and P1/2	11:45 start eating and out by 12:15 back in by 12:45 Use back playground at equipment.
P2/3, P3, P4 and P4/5	Out to play first @ 11:45 until 12:15 come back in and eat until 12:45(if apt go out for additional 15 minutes). Use tar playground and possible muga.
P5,P6,P6/7 and P7	Start eating at 12:30 then out to play. Use back playground with equipment and muga if possible. Stay out until 1:30

Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform as per normal arrangements during their days in school. We do ask though that clothing is washed on a more regular basis to reduce any risk of infection being brought to and from school.

We will be increasing our use of outdoor space during these challenging times. Please make sure that your son/daughter has a **waterproof jacket** with them every day at school as pupils will be outside participating in outdoor learning. We are grateful to Dalbeattie Rotary Club for donating £750 funds for more resources for the outdoor area.

We are yet to receive information about P.E lessons on return so there is no need for P.E kits to be brought into school, initially. We will notify you when these lessons will begin again. Mrs Gray will still be with us on a Monday and Tuesday and will be supporting us with outdoor learning and socially distanced physical activities for some classes within specific bubbles or delivering P.E lessons if guidelines permit.

Masks

See guidance on authority information. If you wish your son daughter to wear a mask in class, then we support this decision. Please ensure that your son/daughter is aware of how they should wear, put on and remove their mask safely. Please label masks and ensure that children have a bag to keep them in. Please share with your son/daughter that staff may also be wearing masks or visors and they must not worry about this.



Items being brought To and From School

As we are returning full time and not to a blended model, pupils will either have their own tote tray under desks or in trolleys at the back of classes. Pupils may bring small items of stationery in but we would not encourage sharing. The school will also provide individuals with items of stationery.

Coats and bags will be stored in cloakrooms once again as there is no requirement for primary children to social distance.

Please provide your son/daughter with their normal snack and water bottle. Please ensure that children can open/peel their snacks, independently, which they bring to school. Also, please make sure snack tubs and bottles are cleaned before they are brought back to school each day.



Hygiene and Medical Matters

Handwashing will be a key priority for everyone on return to school in August. Children will be washing hands as they come into school and throughout the day. Hand sanitisers have also been installed at various points of entry throughout the school and should be used by pupils. Please discuss the requirement for both with your son/daughter before their return to school on Wednesday. This includes when pupils have been at the toilet as we do know that some children, unfortunately, don't have the most efficient hand hygiene and often need reminded.

Please, please support us with repeating this important information.

Please also do not send your young person to school if they are displaying symptoms of COVID 19. Remain vigilant at all times and follow NHS guidance around this. If a child becomes symptomatic throughout the course of the school day, we will follow health and safety guidance in managing this matter. If anyone in the household also shows sign or is diagnosed with COVID 19 please keep the school informed about this. School has a duty to report any COVID related pupil absences.

Medication In School

Children who require to have medication in school should make sure that is within use by dates and hand into school in a labelled zip lock bag or a tub along with the completed permission form for the administration of medication. These can be collected in advance, from the school reception desk or a copy is available on the school blog page, from where Medical Forms can be downloaded and completed as required.



Speaking to Members of Staff

Unfortunately, staff members will not be able to stand at entrances each morning to catch up with parents or any length of time due to social distancing requirements, much as we enjoy catching up with everyone. Should you require to share information with a class teacher, please either pop a note in your son/daughter's diary or email the class teacher/school office within the school day 9-3 or call the school office and we will return calls in due course. We are aware this might be slightly different for children with additional support needs where communication about needs which may impact on the day.

Travelling to and from school

Please consider this very carefully and plan this with your son/daughter for their journeys to school. Please walk, cycle, scoot to school where possible. We continue to promote our active travel message. Please adhere to social distancing measures when travelling to and from school. Please do not think that driving and dropping your son/daughter at front door is the right thing to do to reduce risk as they will not be permitted to enter via this route; they will be required to go round to Primary entrances as per all pupils entering the Primary building.

Advice from the local authority with regards school transport is below:

Dedicated school transport (bus/minibus/under 8 seat vehicles) will be regarded as an extension of the school estate and it is not necessary to maintain distance between children and young people of all ages.

Mitigations will be implemented by transport providers and include enhanced hygiene measures, ventilation of vehicles, cleaning regimes including regular and thorough cleaning of surfaces, and regular handwashing.

Hand sanitising is required for everyone **prior to boarding** dedicated school transport. Parents are asked to ensure their children adhere to this requirement in the morning. All pupils travelling on school transport will be expected to ensure that their hands are cleaned/sanitised prior to boarding school transport and we would encourage pupils to

wear a face covering. Wearing a face covering is widely used within the local community and as such, we are encouraging our pupils to be responsible members of their school community and good citizens by wearing one but accept that this is the individual's choice if they want to.

Where pupils are travelling to school on public transport the general advice and guidance from the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland should be followed. This currently includes the mandatory use of face coverings unless exemptions apply and physical distancing.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Wednesday. As you know, we continue to live and work in challenging times and we ask that you support us with the above measure to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all at Dalbeattie Primary and the wider community of Dalbeattie Learning Campus. Thank you.